11-15 a.m. III.—ANNOUNCEMENT *RE* NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDER No. 5 (*b*) (5).

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT :—" 3 p.m. yesterday was the latest hour fixed for the receipt of nominations in connexion with the election of six Members to the Select Committee on the amendment to Standing Order No. 5 (*b*) (5) given notice of by Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari. As no nominations have been received before that hour a further period for notice of nominations will have to be fixed. Under Regulation II of the Regulations for the holding of elections by means of the single tranfer-able vote, I fix a further period till 3 p.m. on 8th November 1935 for notice of nominations to be sent to the Secretary."

IV.—A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS ESTATES LAND (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1934, FOR A CERTAIN PURPOSE (BILL No. 23 OF 1935).

* The Hon. Mr. C. A. SOUTER :—" Sir, I beg to introduce a Bill [a] to amend the Madras Estates Land (Amendment) Act, 1934, for a certain purpose (Bill No. 23 of 1935), and move that it be taken into considera-tion at once.

" It will be still fresh in the memories of hon. Members what I said last Friday as to the necessity of introducing this Bill and I do not think it would serve much useful purpose if I go into those reasons at length again. The Statement of Objects and Reasons gives shortly those reasons and I would only state that up till now the assent of the Governor-General has not been received to the Madras Estates Land (Amendment) Act of 1934—Act VIII of 1934—and that pending such assent it is necessary that we should extend, what I may call, the moratorium in respect of protection from evictions and so on under section 127 (2) of that Amendment Act. We propose to extend this moratorium for a period of six months with effect from the 1st of this month; in other words we propose that this moratorium should continue from that date without break until the 1st of May 1936. I am sure, Sir, this Bill will commend itself to the House in general, and I move now that it be taken into consideration."

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" I second it, Sir."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI :—" Mr. President, Sir, I do not think there is anything to say except to give expression to our sense of thankfulness to the Hon. the Revenue Member for the expeditious way in which Government have taken steps to bring forward this legislation. For this we are very grateful to the Government and we also appeal to the Government to see that they get the assent of His Excellency the Governor-General as quickly as possible to the Madras Estates Land (Amendment) Act of 1934, which has been submitted to him. With these observations, I appeal to the House to pass this legislation without any delay."

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